



REMARKS

In Applicant's response dated May, 20 2004, claims 1-21 were canceled and claims 22-44 were newly presented for examination. In the Office Action dated July 16, 2004, claims 22-44 were indicated as being drawn to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention as originally claimed in claims 1-21. As such, claims 1-21 were deemed constructively elected and claims 22-44 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Because Applicant's response of May, 20 2004 cancelled all claims drawn to the constructively elected invention and presented claims drawn only to a non-elected invention, Applicant's response was deemed non-responsive.

Resultantly, in a teleconference with the Examiner on August 16, 2004 Applicants agreed to file an RCE upon the Examiner issuing the final Office Action of August 26, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant has included herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 presenting enclosed claims 45-71 for examination and canceling claims 22-44. Applicant submits that claims 45-71 are substantially similar to claims 22-44 previously presented. However, to simplify claim status determination, Applicant has presented these claims as new claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393. A Fee Transmittal is enclosed in duplicate for fee processing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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